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September 16, 1994

RE: EKCO HOUSEWARES
STARK COUNTY
OHD 045 205 424
1993 GROUND WATER
SUPPLEMENTARY ANNUAL
REPORT

Ms. Pat McDonald
American Home Products
5 Giralda Farms
Madison, NJ 07940

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Dear Ms. McDonald:

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Sincerely,

Karen L. Nesbit
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

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March 31, 1994

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February 11, 1994

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October 26, 1992

RE: EKCO HOUSEWARES
STARK COUNTY
OHD 045 205 424
CME NOV RTC

Mr. Thomas Shingleton
Ekco Housewares
359 State Avenue, NW
P.O. Box 560
Massillon, OH 44658

Dear Mr. Shingleton:

Rich Kurlich of the Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking and Ground Waters has reviewed Ekco Houseware's January 14, 1992 response to the second notice of violation to the June 7, 1991 Comprehensive Ground Water Monitoring Evaluation (CME). Based on this submittal, it appears that Ekco has adequately addressed all of the violations cited in the 1991 CME. Ekco Housewares should submit future annual reports in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code 3745-65-94(B).

If you should have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact either Rich Kurlich or me at (216) 963-1200.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Nesbit
Environmental Scientist
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December 5, 1991

RE: EKCO HOUSEWARES, INC.

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STARK COUNTY
OHD 045 205 424
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Mr. Thomas Shingleton
Ekco Housewares, Inc.
359 State Avenue, NW
P.O. Box 560
Massillon, OH 44658

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Dear Mr. Shingleton:

Rich Kurlich of the Ohio EPA's Division of Groundwater, Northeast District Office, has reviewed Ekco Housewares' response to the June 7, 1991 Comprehensive Groundwater Monitoring Evaluation (CME).

Ekco Housewares' response to the violations cited in the 1991 CME have not adequately satisfied the listed violations, and still must address the following issues.

Violation 1: The Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) fails to discuss the detection of immiscible layers in monitoring wells installed at the facility as required by rule 3745-65-92(A)(2) of the OAC. The revised SAP must be updated and submitted to the Ohio EPA for documentation in meeting the new requirements of rule 3745-65-92(A) of the OAC, which became effective April 1, 1990.

Violation 2: Ekco Housewares has not responded adequately to this issue. The 1989 annual report is incomplete and even states that the remainder of the quarterly groundwater data was to be submitted in April, 1990, however, the Ohio EPA has no record of receiving analytical results for the L-series wells for the 1989 quarterly sampling event. This data should be resubmitted to the Ohio EPA.

Violation 3: Rule 3745-65-93(D)(4)(a) of the OAC also requires the facility to determine the extent of contamination. Ekco Housewares shall submit a revised Groundwater Quality and Assessment Plan (GWQAP) that include an appropriate number of wells to fully define the full horizontal and vertical extent of contamination.

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Mr. Thomas Shingleton
December 5, 1991

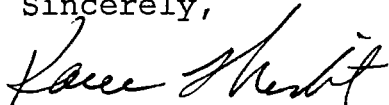
Violation 4: Ekco Housewares has failed to meet the minimum content requirements of the annual report as required by rule 3745-65-94 of the OAC, and should expand future reports to include the following described topics as a minimum report content. This report should make a determination of the rate and extent (see Ohio EPA response 3 above) of contaminant migration, discuss observed concentrations and, in general, discuss the results of the GWQAP, including remedial measures and any modifications to the monitoring program.

Deficiencies 1-3: These deficiencies have been addressed adequately by Ekco Housewares and these responses are acceptable to the DGW, however, these corrections and modifications are subject to field verification during the next facility inspection.

Please submit written documentation demonstrating abatement of the above mentioned violations by January 15, 1992. If you should have any problems or questions, please feel free to contact Rich Kurlich or me at (216) 963-1200.

Be advised that the notice of violation for the December 3, 1991 hazardous waste compliance inspection will be following under separate cover.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Nesbit
Environmental Scientist
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

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Pam Allen, DHWM, CO
Rich Kurlich, DGW, NEDO



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George V. Voinovich
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July 19, 1991

Re: **Ekco Housewares, Inc.**
OHD045205424
Stark County

Mr. Thomas Shingleton
Ekco Housewares, Inc.
359 State Avenue, N.W.
P.O. Box 560
Massillon, OH 44658

Dear Mr. Shingleton:

Enclosed is the final report for the Comprehensive Ground Water Monitoring Evaluation (CME) conducted on February 7, 1991, at the Ekco Housewares, Inc.'s facility located in Massillon, Ohio.

The CME was conducted to determine the Ekco Housewares, Inc.'s compliance with the interim status standards for owners and operators of hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities, specifically rules 3745-65-90 through 3745-65-94 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). The above noted OAC regulations pertain to ground water monitoring. The CME was conducted by Rich Kurlich of the Division of Ground Water. Karen Nesbit, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, was also present.

The CME report consists of several sections including background information and data on the facility's history and operation, a discussion of the hydrogeology, a description of the groundwater monitoring activities at the facility and various checklists and comments developed from these checklists.

A review of the CME revealed violations and deficiencies that are occurring or have occurred at the facility which are explained in the Compliance Status Summary section on pages 15 through 17 of the enclosed report.

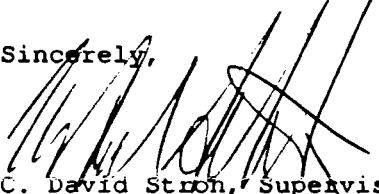
Please submit written documentation demonstrating what actions Ekco Housewares, Inc. has taken or intends to take to abate the violations and deficiencies explained in the enclosed report within thirty days of receipt of this letter to both me and Karen Nesbit of the Northeast District Office.



Mr. Thomas Shingleton
Ekco Housewares, Inc.
July 19, 1991
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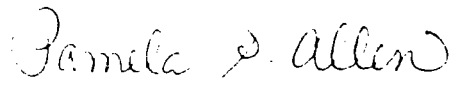
If you have any questions, please contact Keith Dimoff at (614)644-2934. Questions of technical nature should be directed to Rich Kurlich of the Division of Ground Water at (216)425-9171.

Sincerely,



C. David Stron, Supervisor
Enforcement Unit
Hazardous Waste Enforcement Section
Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management

Reviewed by:



Pamela S. Allen, Manager
Hazardous Waste Enforcement Section
Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management

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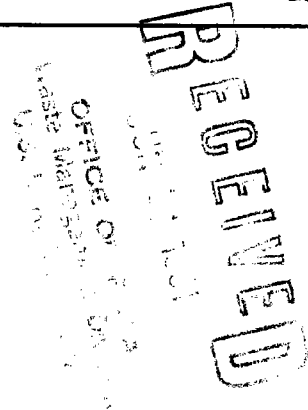
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June 7, 1991

Mr. Kevin Pierard, Chief
Ohio-Minnesota Technical Enforcement Section
Hazardous Waste Enforcement Branch, 5HS-12
U.S. EPA, Region V
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604



Dear Mr. Pierard:

Please find enclosed the final CME report for Ekco Housewares, Incorporated (OHD 045205424). This document, submitted in partial fulfillment of the 1991 RCRA grant commitment for the third quarter, is based on a site inspection conducted February 7, 1991. This document was prepared by Rich Kurlich of the Division of Ground Water, Northeast District Office with the assistance of Karen Nesbit of the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Northeast District Office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 644-2905.

Sincerely,

Tom Allen, Assistant Chief
DIVISION OF GROUND WATER

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June 27, 1988

Mr. Jim Brossman, Chief
Ohio-Minnesota Technical Enforcement Section
Hazardous waste Enforcement Branch 5HS-12
U.S. EPA - Region V
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Brossman:

Please find enclosed the final CME report documents for Ekco OHD045205424 and Harrison Enterprises OHD041082025. These documents are being submitted as partial fulfillment of the 1988 RCRA grant commitments for third quarter.

The CME document for Ekco was prepared by Michael Eggert of the Division of Ground Water, Central Office with assistance from Susan McCauslin of the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, Northeast District Office. The CME document for Harrison Enterprises was prepared by Patrick Nortz of the Division of Ground Water, Central District Office with assistance from Andrew Kubalak of the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, Central District Office.

Should you have questions, please contact me at (614) 644-2905.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Krichbaum
Solid & Hazardous Waste Unit
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Enclosures:

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2. Harrison Enterprises

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V

DATE: JUN 19 1986

SUBJECT: Summary of RCRA Enforcement Meeting with Ecco Housewares
Massillon, Ohio

FROM: Walter Nied

TO: File

Attendees: OEPA: Mr. Rodney Beals - NEDO

Ecco Housewares: Mr. Thomas J. Shingleton - Plant Manager
Mr. James Epps
Mr. Jeffrey E. Richardson

U.S. EPA: Walter Nied

Date: June 3, 1986 at 1:00 p.m.

Purpose: To observe Ecco's personnel's groundwater sampling techniques during their quarterly sampling round and discuss the status of their unpermitted, abandoned, hazardous waste surface impoundment.

Summary: During the morning, Mr. Beals and I observed the sampling techniques utilized during Ecco's Quarterly Groundwater Sampling Round. This included sampling 4 monitoring wells, 2 production wells, influent and effluent of air stripping unit, and Massillon's municipal drinking water well. A meeting was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. to discuss the sampling and status of their surface impoundment. Mr. Beals detailed the deficiencies observed by us during Ecco's Sampling Round:

1. They must evacuate 3 well volume previous to drawing their sample. Ecco must calculate their well volume below the static water level and measure this volume before sampling. Ecco was simply pumping each well for 5-10 minutes before sampling.
2. The outside of the septum on a sample bottle can not be touched during sampling. This avoids contaminating the sample with bodily oils.
3. Recommended that all samples be analyzed at a detection limit of ~~1.1 ppb~~. Ecco has been having the samples analyzed at a detection limit of 10 ppb.

Ecko agreed to implement all these recommendations and immediately called their lab to request their sampling round be analyzed at a ~~1~~₁ ppb detection limit.

Next, I discussed the issue of storing hazardous waste in their surface impoundment without a State permit. I discussed Mr. Beals letter of February 28, 1986, which informed them that the presence of VOC's from 14 ppm to 71 ppm in the sludge lagoon samples and the fact that 2 of 5 sludge samples exhibited characteristics of EP toxicity for cadmium, certainly warrants further borings immediately to define the extent of this contamination. They were informed that this case was referred to the U.S. EPA by the OEPA as a Significant Non-Complier. The issue of the possibility of a Corrective Action Order was discussed and I committed to discussing this Enforcement mode with my supervisors.

cc: Rodney Beals - OEPA-NEDO

February 28, 1986

RE: EKCO HOUSEWARES COMPANY
STARK COUNTY
OHD 015-204-424

045 205 424

Mr. Thomas Shingleton
Ekco Housewares Company
P. O. Box 560
Massillon, Ohio 44646

Dear Mr. Shingleton:

Thank you for your August 21, 1985 submittal including analyses for sludge samples collected from the on-site surface impoundment.

From the information received, it is our understanding that ~~five~~ three foot soil cores were collected from the impoundment on July 1, 1985, and analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOC's) and metals (both Total and EP Toxicity analyses). ~~The results of these analyses~~ indicated the presence of VOC's ranging from 14 ppm to 71 ppm. Dichlorobenzene appeared to be the dominant volatile compound detected ranging in concentration from 0 ppm to 50 ppm. Two of the five soil samples exhibited characteristics of EP Toxicity with levels of cadmium exceeding 1 ppm (1.8 ppm and 2.0 ppm, respectively). In addition, total metal analyses for lead ranged from 520 ppm to 11,000 ppm.

These results indicate that the surface impoundment contains sludges that are hazardous as defined by the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-51-24. The storage of hazardous waste in a surface impoundment without a State hazardous waste permit is in violation of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3734.02. In addition, EKCO is in violation of the applicable Ohio Administrative Code facility rules.

Please be advised that because of the serious nature of violations at the EKCO Housewares Company, your company is classified as a High Priority Violator. As a result, I am obliged to refer this case to Ohio EPA's Central Office where formal enforcement action will be considered. In any event, Ohio EPA must take action on the case within 90 days from the date of this letter. Within 30 days you will receive notification requesting that a meeting be scheduled to discuss the resolution of this matter.

For further information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Ed Kitchen at (614) 462-8949, Central Office, OEPA.

Yours truly,

Rodney Beals
Environmental Scientist
Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste
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